

PARENT INFO

The *CORNER at TOWN CENTER* is a fully staffed & supervised Middle School drop in center that is run by Recreation Program staff. Staff oversees games, leagues, special programs and early release day activities. On hand every day are both Adult Staff members and HS aged Junior Staff members. The program is an open door program. Members will sign in, but can come and go as they wish.

The philosophy of the *CORNER* is to provide a safe, positive place for children in grades 6 -8 that is truly their space. Members will have input into what programs, events, and activities take place and there are always a variety of activities and special events scheduled each week.

The Corner is more than just a place to "hang out". The program has components of the Youth Development Strategy (YDS). These YDS senses are incorporated in many of our activities. These senses can help build self-esteem and help members develop into responsible citizens and leaders.

The YDS 4 components are:

-A sense of belonging: a place where members know they are always welcome. Staff strive to make each member feel welcome by greeting each by name, and including them in all the offered activities.

-A sense of usefulness: An opportunity to do something of value to others. We permit kids to help staff run programs and volunteer to help with many different jobs/activities.

-A sense of competence: Creating a sense of pride that members can do something and do it well.

-A sense of power and influence: A chance to be heard and influence decisions. Members have an important part in deciding events and making the Corner what they want it to be

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Parents register for The Corner or by filling out a Recreation Registration Form. Parents are asked to include all parent contact numbers as well as two emergency contacts and numbers on the forms. Forms can be dropped off at the Bedford Recreation Department, mailed in, or faxed. Registration can also be conducted online at bedfordrecreation.org. **There is no fee for The Corner After School Drop In.**

Participation and membership to the *CORNER* is a privilege and members are required to follow the rules and regulations. Failure to do so can result in membership disciplinary action. In these cases we will always contact a parent to discuss the situation.

The CORNER phone # is 781-953-3014 and is only available during operating hours. Call the Recreation Office 781-275-1392 after or before Corner hours.

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**Middle School Activity & Social Center
Operated by Bedford Recreation**

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Opens 9/3/13

**The Corner is located at
The Town Center Bld.
12 Mudge Way
Bedford MA 01730**

Rec. Tel: 781-275-1392

ATTENTION JGMS STUDENTS!!!

When the school day ends, the fun begins at The *CORNER*. What is The *CORNER*? It's a place designed just for Bedford 6 - 8th grade students. It's your own space! A fully stocked Game Room



with a pool table, foosball, air hockey, bumper pool, and ping pong tables. An Art/Computer Room with internet access, and a Lounge/Snack Bar with special activities and events, snack machines, TV's & game systems, games and much more... it's all for you! And, it's only a short walk from JGMS. The Corner is located in the corner of the building next to the town playground. Three large rooms for this "L" shaped space. The entire space also has WIFI access!



Come check it out! Open 2:15 - 5:30, Monday - Friday. Open at dismissal on Early Release Days. Some Fridays we'll be open until 7:30, and there is always the occasional Friday night Social, Dance or special event.

SOME CORNER EVENTS WE ENJOYED THIS PAST YEAR

BACK TO SCHOOL COOKOUT
HALLOWEEN CONTESTS
ORIGAMI
EARRING MAKING
CHAIN MAILLE
WOVEN CHAIN BRACELETS
CREATE YOUR OWN HAND LOTION
BEADED BRACELETS & NECKLACES
GINGER BREAD HOUSE MAKING FROM SCRATCH
MAKE YOUR OWN LIP BALM
BASKET WEAVING
EMBOSSING
MOVIE DAYS
CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN
FUN FRIDAYS (EXTENDED HOURS)
SMOOTHIE MAKING
GARDENING
HALLOWEEN DANCE
NFL PICK-EMS
WEEKLY TOURNAMENTS
HOLIDAY SOCIAL
END OF THE YEAR LUAU
SCAVENGER HUNTS
OUTDOOR SPORTS

BUILD YOUR OWN!

Join us for this series of BUILD YOUR OWN where we create food works of art and then eat them! Programs run throughout the year. Some of the projects scheduled for Build Your Own are cupcake decorating, sundaes, grilled cheese, pizza design, gingerbread houses, smoothies and much more. Come build & eat with us!

Fall 2013 programs and info will be available at Bedfordrecreation.org in early Sept.

SOME GUEST SPEAKERS WHO VISITED THE CORNER

JOB HUNTING 101:

Thinking about applying for your first job? Looking for tips about filling in applications? Want ideas to make interviews go your way? Join Town of Bedford Assistant Town Manager, Jessica Porter, for expert advice! Refreshments will be served.

PUBLIC SPEAKING... AHHHH!!!!



Deliver those dreaded oral presentations with ease! Selectman Mike Rosenberg will offer tips to be confident and to have FUN with public speaking. Mike has vast experience with public speaking and he has a great sense of humor. This is not to be missed.

HOME ALONE IN BEDFORD

Bedford Police Officer Dineen will offer tips for staying home alone. What to do; what not to do. She will also answer any questions that kids new to staying home alone may have. Date TBD... will post at The Corner and on the Recreation website. Refreshments will be served!



BACKYARD CHICKEN COOP

Back Yard Birds: Do you have neighbors that keep chickens? Does the idea of fresh EGGS in the morning have you wondering about how difficult it might be to raise your own birds? If so drop by and talk with Kids Cooking Green teacher, Oren, and see some of his "ladies" (chickens) Then participate in making your own snack, using fresh eggs.

Visitor schedule for 2013 - 2014 TBA.

